OGIN, THE DAUGHTER OF SENNO RIKYUU, HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ISHIDA MITSUNARI. THIS LOVE THAT CAN NEVER BE LEADS HER TO TRAGEDY.

THE LEGEND OF ONIKIRIMARU

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EPISODE 3: WHAT A DEMON WOULD WANT

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WHAT BEAUTIFUL CHERRY BLOSSOMS...
FLOWERS ARE USELESS. THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL, AND NOTHING MORE.
BUT EVEN IF I LIVE LIKE A FLOWER, IF I DO NOT BEAR FRUIT, I AM DOOMED TO SIMPLY DIE.
SO INSTEAD I WANT TO LOVE A MAN, AS FIERCELY AS IF I WERE A DEMON—LOVE HIM SO MUCH THAT HE REMEMBERS ME FOREVER.

OGIN, THAT THOUGHT WILL SOMEDAY DESTROY YOU.
SWIIISH
OH? WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? ARE YOU A MESSENGER FROM THE GODS OR THE BUDDHA?

AMIDST THESE WARS, THERE IS NO USE IN LIVING A SHORT LIFE LIKE A FLOWER.
I WANT PROOF THAT I WAS ALIVE. I WANT MY LIFE TO BE VIOLENT, SHARP, FIERCE. YOU MIGHT EVEN SAY...
...LIKE A DEMON.
THAT WISH WILL BRING DISASTER UPON YOU SOME DAY.
EVEN IF YOU LACK THE KARMA TO BECOME A DEMON IN YOUR NEXT LIFE, YOU MAY BECOME ONE WHILE YOU STILL LIVE.
AND WHAT WILL YOU DO THEN? WILL YOU SAVE ME? KILL ME?
IF THAT HAPPENS, I WILL CUT YOU DOWN WITH ONIKIRIMARU.

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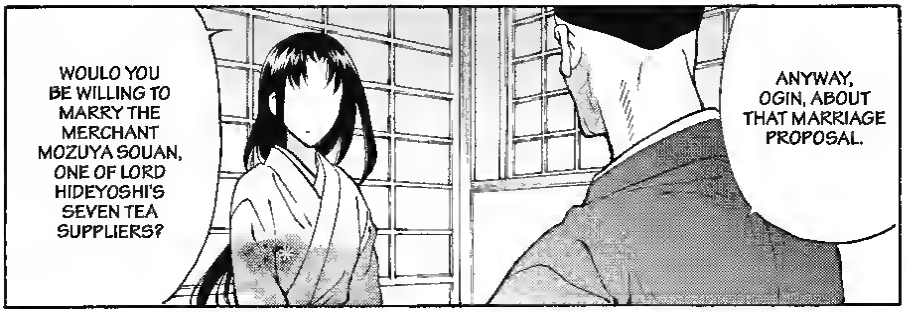
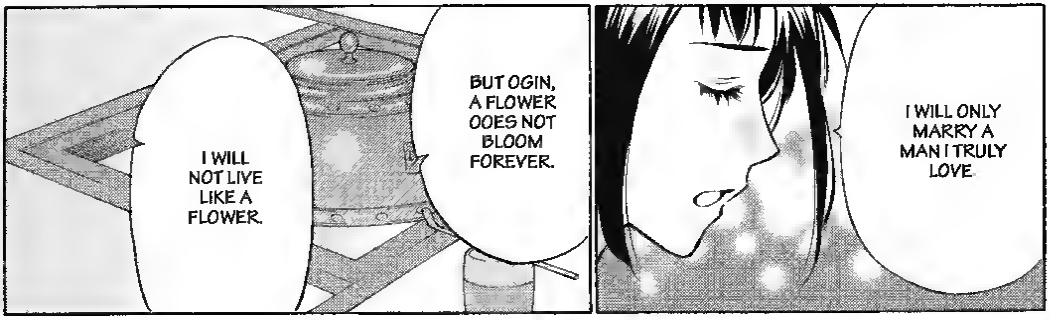
ONIKIRI-MARU...?
HE'S GONE.
FATHER, DO YOU KNOW WHAT ONIKIRIMARU IS?

IT'S A KIND OF FAIRY TALE, TOLD BY THE WEAK.
OH? ONIKIRIMARU, YOU SAY?
SENNO RIKYUU: THE PERSONAL TEA MASTER OF TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI. HIS POWER EXCEEDS THAT OF MANY DAIMYO.
IT'S THE NAME OF A CURSED BLADE--AND THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SLAY DEMONS.
THEY SAY THAT THE ONE WHO WIELDS IT IS A PURE-BLOODED DEMON WITHOUT HORNS.
DEMONS...


WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO MARRY THE MERCHANT MOZUYA SOUAN, ONE OF LORD HIDEYOSHI'S SEVEN TEA SUPPLIERS?
ANYWAY, OGIN, ABOUT THAT MARRIAGE PROPOSAL.


I WILL NOT LIVE LIKE A FLOWER.
BUT OGIN, A FLOWER DOES NOT BLOOM FOREVER.
I WILL ONLY MARRY A MAN I TRULY LOVE.

NO, I'LL MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE.
HRM.
IF THAT'S HOW IT TURNS OUT, VERY WELL BUT IT'S WRONG TO WANT SUCH A THING

FUSHIMI CASTLE
I WON'T BE PLUCKED OR TRAMPLED ON. I'LL DECIDE FOR MYSELF THE MAN TO WHOM I OFFER MY LOVE. IF A MAN FIGHTS TO RULE, THIS IS WHAT A WOMAN FIGHTS FOR.
I WON'T GIVE IN TO ANYONE. ANYONE!

LORD HIDEYOSHI, THIS IS MY DAUGHTER OGIN.
I SEE... OH MY. RAISE YOUR HEAD.

OH MY.
CHIRP
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SCREEP
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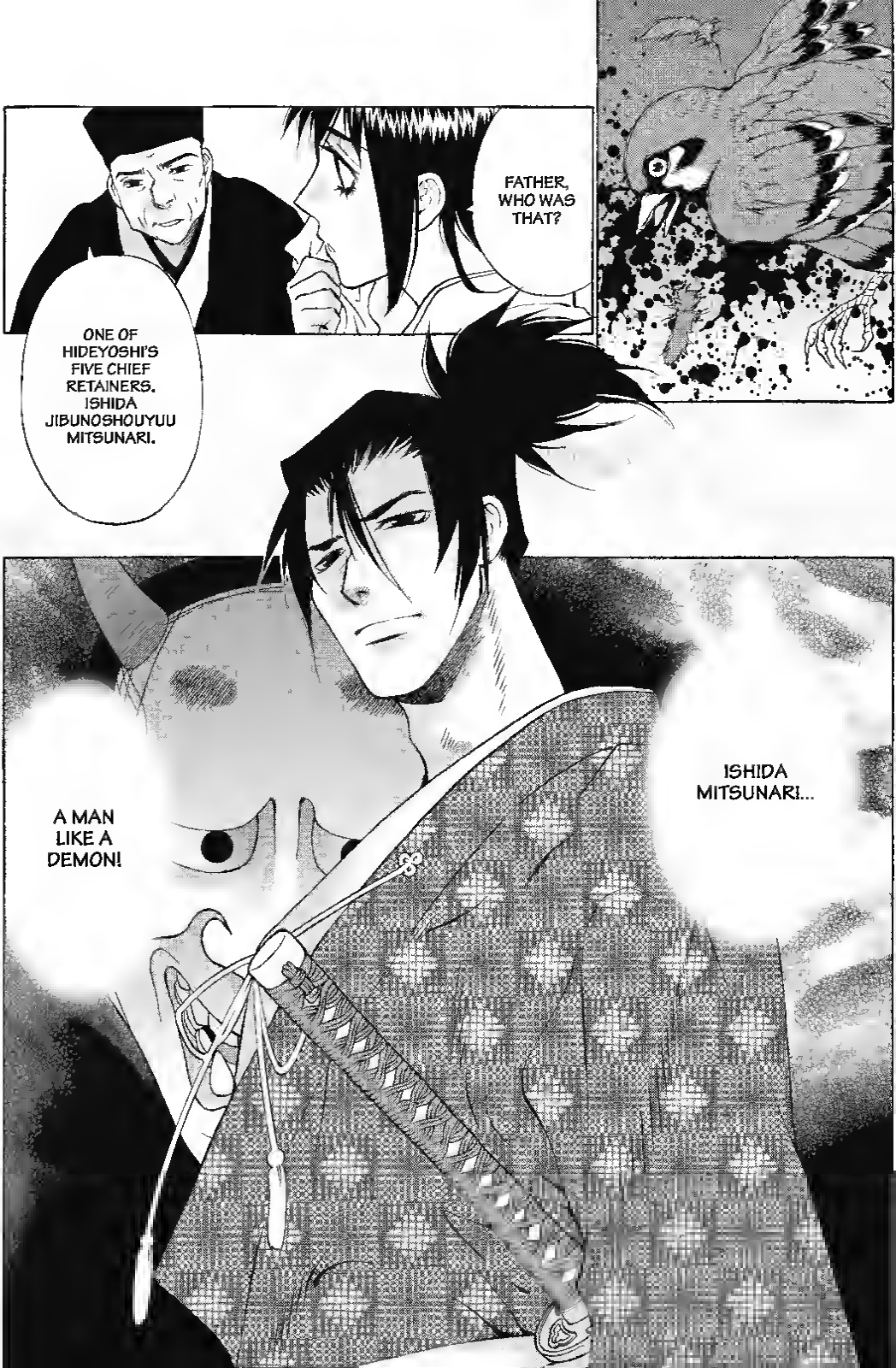
CRUSH.

DO NOT BE DISTRACTED BY A SPARROW. YOU'RE IN THE PRESENCE OF LORD HIDEYOSHI
ENOUGH, MITSUNARI. LEAVE US.
YES, SIR.


FATHER, WHO WAS THAT?
ONE OF HIDEYOSHI'S FIVE CHIEF RETAINERS. ISHIDA JIBUNOSHOUYUU MITSUNARI.
ISHIDA MITSUNARI...
A MAN LIKE A DEMON!

THAT MAN, LIKE A DEMON...
WHAT IS THIS FEELING? EACH TIME I SEE A SPARROW I REMEMBER THAT SIGHT.
I CANNOT FORGET LORD ISHIDA MITSUNARI!!
IS YOUR FATHER IN?

LORD MITSUNARI!
LORD HIDEYOSHI WANTS TO MAKE OGIN HIS CONCUBINE?
IT'S NOT A BAD DEAL FOR HER. HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH HER COURAGE
SHE DIDN'T SCREAM AFTER GETTING SPARROW'S BLOOD ON HER FACE LAST MONTH.
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NO!
I REFUSE!
OGIN...
I WILL NOT BE LORD HIDEYOSHI'S CONCUBINE. I...
MY HEART...

DON'T BE FOOLISH.
I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO KILL ANYONE WHO DISOBEYS LORD HIDEYOSHI.
IF YOU REFUSE TO OBEY, I'LL START BY KILLING YOUR FATHER.
YOU WOULDN'T DO SUCH A THING!
MY FATHER IS HIGHLY TRUSTED BY LORD HIDEYOSHI... AND HE'S A TEA MASTER!

PLEASE CONSIDER IT, LORD HIDE-YOSHI!
I HAVE PROOF THAT RIKYUU IS SECRETLY IN LEAGUE WITH THE TOKUGAWA CLAN!
WITH ALL THE POWER HE'S GATHERED DESPITE HIS LOW POSITION AS A TEA MASTER, HE COULD BE THE GREATEST THREAT TO THE HIDEYOSHI CLAN!
ONCE HE'S GONE, THAT OGIN GIRL WILL BECOME LOYAL TO
THEN JUST WATCH.
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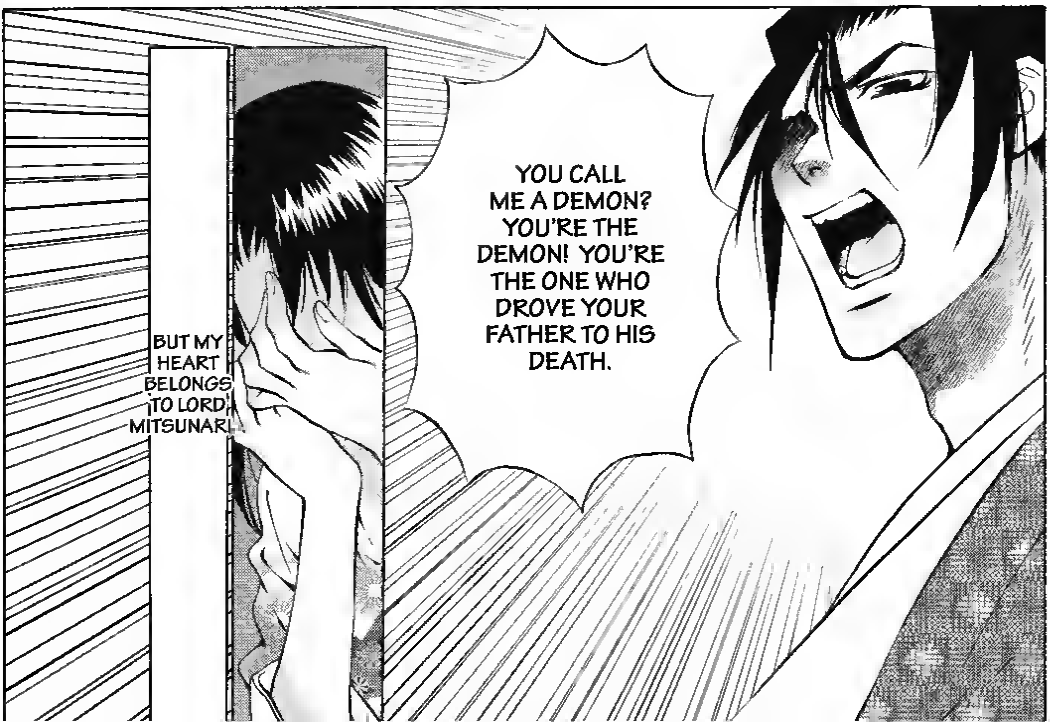
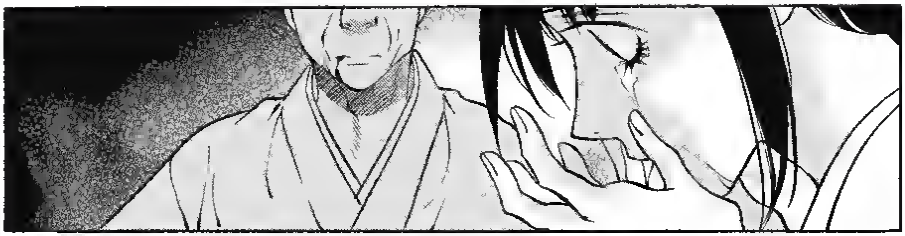
I HAVE LIVED 70 YEARS. NOW I RISE TO HEAVEN, BLADE IN HAND TO SLAY GODS AND BUDDHAS ALIKE.
SENNO RIKYUU'S DYING POEM
THE 19TH YEAR OF THE TENSHOU ERA (1591) SENNO RIKYUU
COMMITS SEPPUKU
FATHER!

SAWAYAMA CASTLE
YOUR FATHER DIED BECAUSE OF YOU.

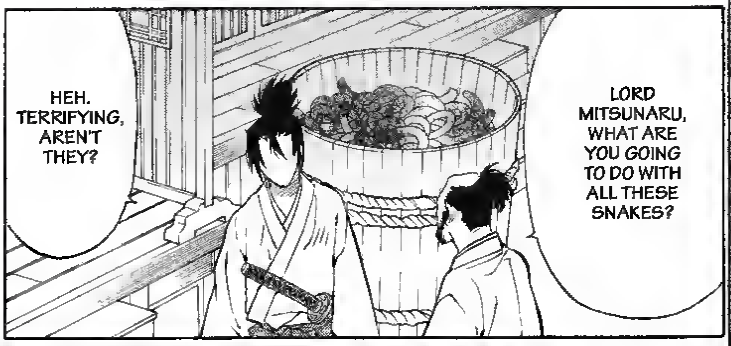
DEMON...


YOU CALL ME A DEMON? YOU'RE THE DEMON! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DROVE YOUR FATHER TO HIS DEATH.
BUT MY HEART BELONGS TO LORD MITSUNARI.



THIS MAN KILLED YOU, AND YET I FIND MYSELF DRAWN TO HIM SO MUCH... I'M LIKE A DEMON MYSELF!
OH FATHER, FORGIVE ME!
IF THAT'S HOW IT TURNS OUT, VERY WELL. BUT IT'S WRONG TO WANT SUCH A THING.

RIKYUU'S DAUGHTER STILL REFUSES TO BE MY CONCUBINE, MITSUNARI?
FUKUMI CASTLE
THEN DRAG HER HERE IF YOU HAVE TO!
MY LORD, I PROMISE I'LL PERSUADE HER TO BECOME YOUR CONCUBINE OF HER OWN FREE WILL.
AND IF SHE REFUSES, WHAT WILL YOU DO THEN?
I WILL PUSH HER UNTIL SHE CAN NO LONGER REFUSE.
IN THESE WARS, ALL WOMEN CAN DO IS SOB.
I WILL MAKE HER SUBMIT!


LORD MITSUNARU, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THESE SNAKES?
HEH. TERRIFYING, AREN'T THEY?

NO WOMAN'S HEART COULD STAND SUCH A TERRIFYING SIGHT
MITSUNARI.. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE WOMEN.

WHO'S THERE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
A WOMAN CAN BECOME A SNAKE OR DEMON.
EVEN A WOMAN LIKE A BODHISATTVA...

GRAB
LORD MITSUNARI!
PLEASE STOP...

AAH...
FLUTTER

YOU'RE GOING TO BE TORTURED BY BEING PLACED INTO THAT BARREL FILLED WITH SNAKES.
SLITHER
SLITHER
BUT IF YOU AGREE TO BE LORD HIDEYOSHI'S CONCUBINE, YOU'LL BE SPARED WHAT WILL YOU DO, OGIN?

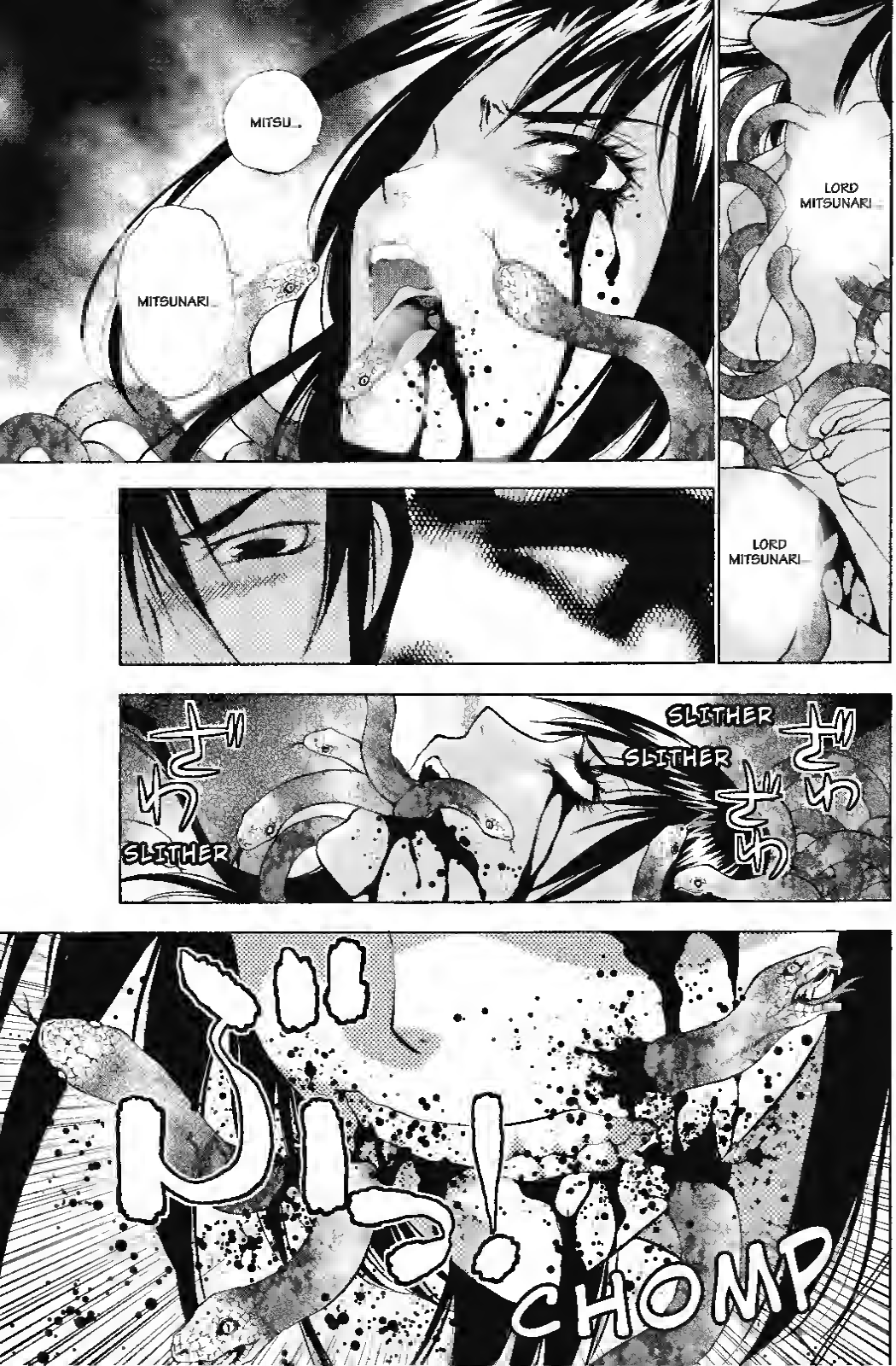
KILL ME.
THEN...
YOU MONSTER!
VERY WELL.
IF THAT MEANS THIS MAN WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET ME.
SHE MAY BE SAYING THAT, BUT SHE'S TERRIFIED AND IS GOING TO GIVE IN. SHE'S GOING TO CRY AND BEG FOR FORGIVENESS.
NO, WAIT... OGIN.

GRAB
WAIT, YOU'RE INSANE, JUMPING INTO A BARREL OF SNAKES!

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
IT DOESN'T MATTER... WELL DONE! BRING OGIN BACK HERE!
IF THAT MEANS THIS POSSESSIVE LOVE OF MINE WILL DISAPPEAR...

GLURP!
NO! WHAT KIND OF FOOL WOULD ACTUALLY JUMP? SAVE HER!

THERE AREN'T ANY POISONOUS SNAKES IN THERE, RIGHT? KNOCK OVER THIS BARREL!
IT'S TOO LATE.
AAAH!
GOUGH
GASP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MITSUNARI...
LORD MITSUNARI...
LORD MITSUNARI...
SLITHER
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CHOMP

LORD MITSUNARI!

LORD MITSU-NARI!
CRACK

LORD MITSUNARI!
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OGIN...
NO, PITIFUL DEMON WOMAN...

I SHALL NOW SLAY YOU WITH ONIKIRIMARU!
I'LL REWARD YOU HANDSOMELY! KILL HER! LORD HIDEYOSHI HAS NO NEED FOR THIS MONSTER!
A MAN LIKE A DEMON... NO, A DEMON HIMSELF...

SHRIP
GYAH!
SPLURT
LORD MITSUNARI!
BUT I STILL LOVE YOU SO INTENSELY— I MIGHT AS WELL BE A DEMON MYSELF!

I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH I WANT TO RIP YOU APART! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH I WANT TO FEAST ON YOUR BONES!
LORD MITSU-NARI!
I WANT YOU! I WANT YOUR BLOOD, YOUR FLESH, YOUR BONES, YOUR ORGANS, YOUR SOUL!
OGIN...

BECAUSE I WANTED TO LOVE LIKE A DEMON...
WHY, OGIN?! I'VE SEEN MANY BECOME OEMONS OUT OF HATE.
YOU STOOD LIKE A BODHISATTVA BENEATH THOSE CHERRY TREES, IN THE WHIRLWIND OF PETALS.
THAT... AND THAT ALONE WAS MY ONE TRUE DESIRE.
BUT YOU DON'T HATE HIM, SO WHY OIO YOU BECOME ONE?

NOW LORD MITSUNARI...
...WILL NEVER FORGET ME!

SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE JUST AN ORDINARY WOMAN...
SHUDDER
SHE LOVED A MAN LIKE YOU SO MUCH THAT SHE BECAME A MONSTER
THAT'S JUST WHAT A DEMON WOULD WANT.
HOW LONG WILL OGIN'S DEMONIC LOVE REMAIN IN MITSUNARI'S HEART?
YOU DEMON OF A MAN.